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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED JANUARY 25, 2007

This Reply is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on January 25, 2007 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner requires restriction to one of the following two groups of claims:

Group I – Claims 69-83 and 87-88, drawn to a category visualization (CV) system that displays a graphic representation of each category as a hierarchical map, classified in class 707, subclass 101.

Group II – Claims 84-86, drawn to a category visualization (CV) system that displays a graphic representation of each category as a similarity graph, classified in class 707, subclass 6.

Applicants' representative hereby elects with traverse Group I (Claims 69-83 and 87-88, drawn to a category visualization (CV) system that displays a graphic representation of each category as a hierarchical map, classified in class 707, subclass 101) for further prosecution on the merits.

Should there be any questions regarding this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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